

**THE HONORABLE ANNA BLACKBURNE-RIGSBY
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby was appointed as an Associated Judge to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 2000 by President William Jefferson Clinton.

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in New York City. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Duke University, where she received the President's Leadership Award. She earned her law degree from Howard University School of Law in 1987. While in law school, she served as the lead articles editor for the Howard Law Journal and served as the co-captain for the Charles Hamilton Houston Moot Court Team.

Following law school, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was an associate attorney for five years in the law firm of Hogan and Hartson, where she litigated commercial, real estate, employment discrimination, and education matters before state and federal courts and administrative agencies. In 1992, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby joined the District of Columbia Office of Corporation Counsel (now Office of Attorney General), where she served as Special Counsel to the Corporation Council. She then served as Deputy Corporation Counsel in charge of the Family Services Division, where she was responsible for managing the Division's 65 attorneys and support staff, who handled child abuse and neglect, child support and enforcement, and domestic violence cases. In 1996, Judge Blackburne-Rigsby was appointed to serve as a Hearing Commissioner (now Magistrate Judge) of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, a position she held until her appointment as an Associate Judge in 2000. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has served in the Criminal, Civil, and Family Divisions and the Domestic Violence Unit of the Superior Court.

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has served on various Superior Court committees including the Judicial Education Committee and the Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has taught Trial Advocacy at the Harvard Law School and taught Professional Responsibility as an Adjunct Professor at the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia. She has also taught several continuing Legal Education courses for the District of Columbia Bar. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has authored numerous published opinions and articles. She sat by designation with the D.C. Court of Appeals in May 2005 and authored the opinion in one of the three cases that were argued, *In Re GE*, 879 A.2d 672 (D.C. 2005).

Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has held offices in and been a member of several organizations. She was the former Chair of the Washington Bar Association Judicial Council, and the Vice President for District 4 of the National Association of Women Judges. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby chairs the Nominating Committee for the National

Association of Women Judges. She serves on the Board of Managerial Trustees for the International Association of Women Judges. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has also served as a basketball coach and mentor for the CYO League, and is a member of the NAACP. Judge Blackburne-Rigsby has received numerous awards and recognition for her community and civic activities, including the National Association of Professional Women Meritorious Service Award.